

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 8, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

LISTING OF CURRENT CLAIMS

Claims 1-6. (Canceled)

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) A rotating shaft with a locking device comprising:

a cylindrical rod extending from the rotating shaft, the cylindrical rod having at least one milled face; and

5 at least one friction part, each ~~at least one~~ friction part ~~having a circular section, an arched section, an axial hole defined by the circular section and the arched section, a gap between the circular section and the arched section, a fitting part extending from a middle portion of the circular section, having:~~

- 10 i) a fitting part;
- ii) a circular section having a first end connected to the fitting part;
- iii) an arched section having a first end connected to the fitting part and the first end of the circular section;
- iv) an axial hole defined by the circular section and the arched section; and
- 15 v) a gap located between a second end of the circular section and a second end of the arched section.

20 the cylindrical rod being rotatably inserted through each axial hole, the arched section having a radius adjustable between a locked state and an unlocked state, wherein ~~a free~~ the second end of the arched section releasably engages the milled section of the cylindrical rod in the locked state and resiliently expands to engage an outer circumference of the cylindrical rod in the unlocked state as the cylindrical rod is rotated.

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Claim 8. (Canceled)

Claim 9. (Previously Presented) The rotating shaft with a locking device according to claim 7, wherein the at least one friction part includes a plurality of friction parts connected together.